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In re Application of:
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 13, 2005

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on February 13, 2005, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0485/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.